### FISCAL NOTE

# HB 4043 - SB 4122

February 22, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires local governments to provide written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the property owner of record before seizing the owner's property, unless the property is being seized pursuant to a criminal offense or for the health or safety of citizens.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

### Increase Local Expenditures - Not Significant

## Assumptions:

- According to the Comptroller, most property seizures are pursuant to criminal offenses. The number of property seizures applicable to this legislation is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in local expenditures for sending notification by certified mail and additional labor costs is estimated to be not significant.
- This statute does not apply to condemned property.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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